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SUBJECT: BRAZIL VOTE ON ITEM 23: DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTIONS

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1. FRONT-PAGE ESTADO DE SAO PAULO REPORT ON UN VOTE ON OMNIBUS
DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTION AND DISSEMINATION-OF-INFORMATION RESO-
LUTION INCLUDED EXPLANATION OF BRAZIL'S VOTES ATTRIBUTED TO
FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES. UNNAMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL
QUOTED AS SAYING THAT BRAZIL'S AFFIRMATIVE VOTES FOR TWO RESOLU-
TIONS "DO NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OF THE CONTENT OF THE REPORT". SOURCE
FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT SUCH VOTES SIGNIFY ONLY APPROVAL OF THE
COMMITTEE'S WORK AND THAT THE REPORT IS BEING NOTED.

2. ALTERNATE EXPLANATION ATTRIBUTED TO OTHER UNNAMED FOREIGN
MINISTRY FUNCTIONARIES WAS THAT REPORT WAS A "WORKING DOCUMENT"
PRESENTED AS AN ANNEX TO A RESOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN REPEATED FOR
SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT RECOMMENDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION
TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL AREAS AND PEOPLES. IN THIS
CASE, SOURCE EXPLAINED, BRAZIL'S APPROVAL DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL
OF THE ANNEXES.

3. ARTICLE ITSELF CONJECTURED THAT BRAZIL SUPPOSEDLY
CAST ONLY A ROUTINE VOTE THAT DOES NOT TOUCH ON A RELEVANT
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SUBJECT. IF THE SUBJECT IS SEEN TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT,

THIS WAS NOT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE BRAZILIAN DECISION. ARTICLE
CONCLUDES THAT THE "APPARENT CONFUSION" IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE
COMPLEX FUNCTIONING OF THE UN, WHICH PERMITS SUBTLE NUANCES
IN THE SUBJECT BROUGHT UP FOR VOTES.

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